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For: NOVEL METHOD TO DEPOSIT CARBON DOPED SiO₂ FILMS WITH
IMPROVED FILM QUALITY

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR.
§ 1.56 in connection with the above-identified application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☒ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the
filing date of this application, whichever occurs last. [37 CFR § 1.97(b)]
- ☐ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action
under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
[37 CFR § 1.97(c)]
- ☐ After a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under
§1.311, but prior to or with payment of the Issue Fee. [37 CFR § 1.97(d)]

Consistent with Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, the
following requirements have been met:

☒ No separate requirements are needed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

☐ **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(c)**

The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an IDS under § 1.97(c) as set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

☐ **Fee Under 37 CFR § 1.97(d)**

The fee of \$180.00 for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(d) set forth in § 1.17(p) accompanies this statement.

☐ **Certification Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

() Each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement; or

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Provision of Copies of References

☒ Copies of cited references which are U.S. Patents or U.S. Patent Application Publications are not required for this application, which has a filing date after June 30, 2003 (1276 OG 55, 5 August 2003).

☐ A copy of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith and forms a part hereof.

☐ Partial Translations of References are enclosed herewith and form a part hereof.

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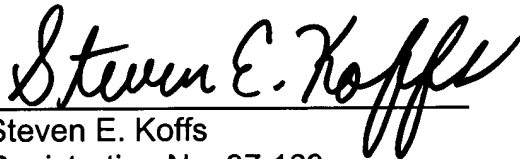
Identification of Prior Application(s) In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

- ☐ This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior U.S. Application No(s). The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and therefore are not required to be provided in this application:

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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